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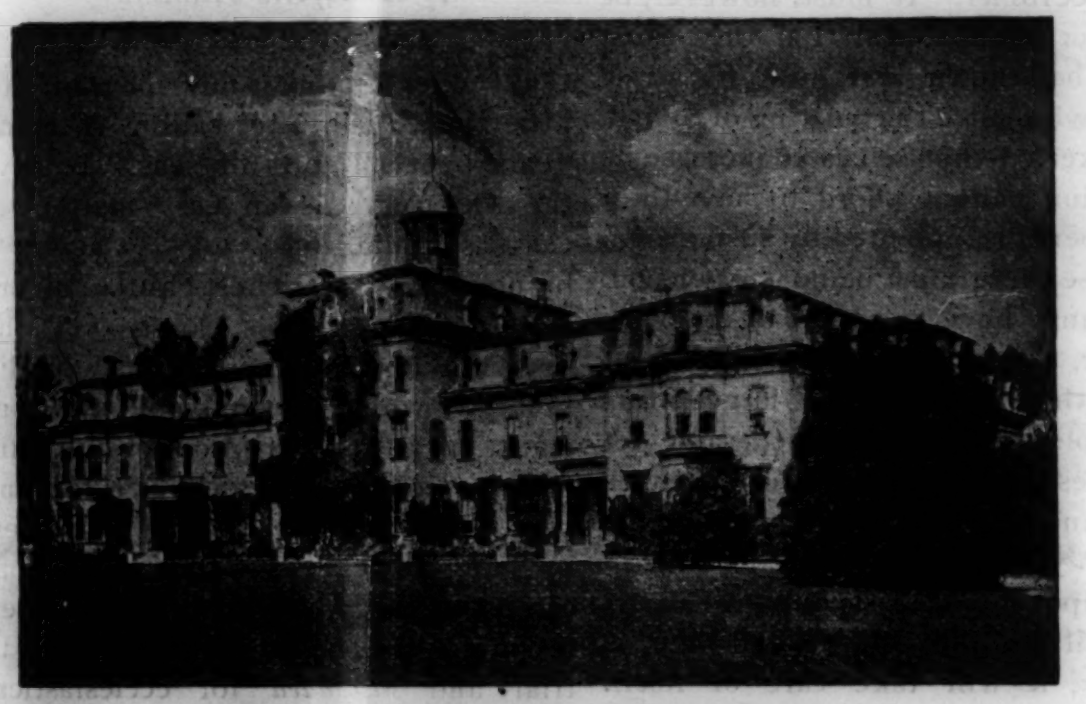

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OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 24, 1894.

EDITOR OF THE OCCIDENT:— The statement prepared by several of the brethren in last week's OCCIDENT I have read with much interest. Its recommendations should receive the careful consideration of every member of our church. It appears that while the assets of the OCCIDENT are largely in excess of its liabilities, its existence is imperiled by the difficulty in making collections. To meet this emergency the churches are asked to furnish cash subscriptions of one dollar each, equal in number to one-tenth of its membership. By this offer new subscribers get the paper one year at half price and at the same time secure its publication. To this proposition a hearty and immediate response should be made. For over a quarter of a century the OCCIDENT has been our representative paper on this Coast. It has made its welcome weekly visits in our families, and in places remote where pastoral visits are unknown.

Its influence has been elevating, and it has been a material aid to our pastors in the prosecution of their work, the building up of a healthy moral tone, and in the creation of a demand for a pure literature. It has been foremost and fearless in all of the reforms of the day. It is the most welcome to our home of all of our weeklies, bringing contributions from the pens of our brethren, and news of their work. Brethren of the Presbyterian Church! let us rally to the support of our paper. Times are hard, but a little self-sacrifice will enable us to pay up on arrearages. A little individual canvass will secure a few subscriptions, and success will be assured. N. W. WINTON.

DEAR OCCIDENT: It was with no little chagrin that I read your communication in THE OCCIDENT of last week. It is a shame to Presbyterianism on the Coast that such plain statements are necessary to awaken sufficient interest in a matter so vital to the very life of our Church as the proper support of THE OCCIDENT. It must, however, be a matter of approval that the worst should be known just now, for those friends who, since the meeting of Synod, have exerted themselves to increase its circulation cannot afford to have their subscribers disappointed by suspension. Of course there must be no suspension.

We must have a paper. Let every minister, elder and member rally at once to the call. Print in large letters the resolution of last Synod, and let every session and Board of Trustees read it and immediately act upon it. It is not only rational but quite possible to put a paper for at least one year in every family in the Church, and then, as you say, it will take care of itself. Surely in the very smallest churches in the Synod, there are at least one or two members of sufficient means, even in these hard times, who can assume so paltry a sum as the case demands. Let there be no parley. It must be done. Fraternally yours, E. GRAHAM.

CHICO, Dec. 24, 1894.

TO THE PRESBYTERIANS OF THE PACIFIC COAST, *Dear Brethren:* The OCCIDENT is in difficulties. For more than a quarter of a century it has been the organ of our Church on this Coast. It has felt the stress and sting of stormy financial weather at times, and very frequently, but, through storm and calm, it has some how managed to keep afloat up to date. There is great danger now that it may go down in deep financial waters, or be broken to pieces on the rocks, like the treasure ships of Jehosaphat. We can prevent this disaster by lending our struggling craft a helping hand in her time of danger and need. It is a sound craft, made of stout Presbyterian oak, and always floating the bonny blue, Presbyterian flag from the mast-head, and it would be a disgrace to the whole Presbyterian Church on this Coast to let it founder now for want of a little timely aid, after sailing so many years over all sorts of seas. To save the OCCIDENT is an easy matter—as easy as "rolling off a log." Calvary is by no means the richest church of our denomination on this Coast; yet the session, knowing the paper's plight, promptly voted $100 and paid it, not as a gift, but as a subscription for one hundred copies of the OCCIDENT for one year. The Sessions of other churches, by doing likewise, or in like proportion, can keep the paper alive, and if they let it die, they ought to be brought to trial and *suspended* for ecclesiastical murder. Fraternally yours,

JOHN HEMPHILL.

I have been a newspaper man for just forty-two years. I took charge of the *Christian Herald* in Cincinnati January 1, 1853. It then had about 1,200 subscribers, and was not self-sustaining. The churches raised $2500 to give it a new start, and in a few years it had 8000 subscribers. It is now united with the *Presbyter*, and the *Herald & Presbyter* has a circulation of over 20,000. In all great enterprizes there are crises. Then wise men act promptly and efficiently, and bring the imperiled bark out of the dangerous straits into the deep sea. The difference between a prosperous voyage and a shipwreck depends upon "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" just at the right time. The time to pull if we would save THE OCCIDENT and make it a permanent organ of communication and bond of union for the churches on the Pacific Coast seems to be *now*. My brethren in the ministry and their Aarons and Hurs in the eldership are wise, and to them a word is sufficient. C. E. BABB.

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Topics Suggested for the Week of Prayer by the Evangelical Alliance for the United States—Jan. 6-13, 1895.

A large number of sub-topics are given only by way of suggestion. It is expected that each leader will make selections.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH.—SERMONS.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Isa. xl:31.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH.—HUMILIATION AND THANKSGIVING.

Confession: Of sin—of unprofitableness in the service of Christ and of conformity to the world. Psalm li; Dan. ix:3-19; Matt. xxi:17-20.

Praise and Thanksgiving: For blessings temporal and spiritual; for awakening conscience in civic affairs: for an increasing apprehension of the relations of Christ to society. Psalms xxxiv; Eph. i:15-23.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH.—THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL.

Prayer: For the manifestation of the Holy Ghost; for increasing fellowship among believers, and more active co-operation among churches. Acts i:5-8; ii:1-18. Eph. iv:1-16.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH.—NATIONS AND THEIR RULERS.

Prayer: For national righteousness and peace; for the putting away of legislative sanction to vice and all immoral traffic; for all needed reforms, social, industrial and political: for all in authority; for religious liberty. Deut. iv:5-8; Psalm lxvii; Prov. xiv:34; Rom. xiii:1-7; Mark ix:38-40.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Prayer: For all missionaries and missionary societies; for more laborers; for the conversion of Jews, Mohammedans and heathen; that the war in the East may open new doors to the Gospel; that the African Rum Traffic may be suppressed. Luke xxiii:45-48; Matt. xxxix: 36-38; Psalm xxii:27-28.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH.—HOME MISSIONS.

Prayer: For home, and city missionaries, and for missionary societies; for a larger apprehension of the social mission of the church, for increased co-operation, for a deeper sense of responsibility in behalf of neglected country districts and the unreached multitudes of the cities. Col. iv:2-4; Isa. lxii.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH.—FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS.

Prayer: For parents, sons, daughters and servants, that in all their relations with each other they may follow the Divine teaching; for all charged with the training of children and youth; for all Christian societies for young people; for Sunday and day schools, and for all institutions of learning. Col. iii:14-25; Prov. iv.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH.—SERMONS.

"Always abounding in the work of the Lord." I Cor. xv:58.

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LESSON JANUARY 13, 1895, MARK VI: 30-44.

Feeding the Five Thousand.

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Golden Text.—"He hath filled the hungry with good things." Luke i:53.

This lesson presents us two views of Christ; first with his disciples, and second with the multitude.

I. Christ and his disciples. (Vs. 30-33.

1. Hearing their report: In one of our lessons in December we studied about Christ's sending out the twelve to preach and to heal. Now they have returned to give an account of what they had done and taught. We can imagine with what interest they must have given and with what interest Christ must have received this report of their first mission. It is a good thing for us Christ's disciples occasionally to gather together unto Jesus, and tell him what we have done and what we have taught. "In this way our hearts will be kept hot, and our heads cool, our sympathies active and our doctrine sound."

2. Inviting to rest. Christ and his disciples were busy men. They scarcely found time to eat. Christ knows how to sympathize with those whose hours early and late are full of toil. That they might obtain some rest and probably some quiet for necessary meditation and prayer, Christ invited them to retire to a desert place. An additional reason for going apart, as appears from Matthew's Gospel, was to withdraw for a time from Herod's jurisdiction, as he had just put John the Baptist to death.

We find Christ here recognizing the importance of rest. A vacation properly used is a great blessing. A minister can do better work in eleven months than in twelve, and therefore should be given a vacation. It will prove profitable to the Church. Sunday school workers may well take a vacation occasionally if they can get one. But let it be remembered that these disciples were invited to go apart with Christ. Vacation time should not be a time of separation from Christ. It is not a time to neglect the Bible, or prayer, or worship, or even opportunities of doing good.

The place to which they withdrew was Bethsaida, (Luke ix: 10) at the northeastern corner of the Lake of Galilee, on the eastern bank of Jordan, just before that stream enters the lake. It was within the territory of the Tetrarch Philip. But upon arriving here they did not get the rest they sought. The multitude, seeing them depart in their ship, and, mistrusting or knowing whither they were going, outwent them and gathered about them in the desert place. Instead of rest here was work again. If we are ever disappointed in our plans for rest let us remember that our Master did not always get the rest he sought.

II. Christ and the multitude. Vs. 34-44.

1. Feeling for them. Seeing the great company that gathered he was

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"moved with compassion toward them." What a tender heart he had! How often we read that he was "moved with compassion" at the sight of want and woe!

2. Instructing them. His first work with the multitude was to teach them, indicating what he considered their greatest need. So entrancing was his teaching that his hearers seemed to forget their bodily wants. The day was nearly spent and the disciples discovered that they had with them a company numbering thousands who had nothing to eat.

3. Feeding them. This miracle is one of the very few performed by Christ that is reported in all four of the gospels. Some may wonder at the size of the company assembled, "five thousand men, beside women and children." (Matt. 14, 21). "The circumstance that the Passover was nigh at hand, so that many must have been starting on their journey to Jerusalem, round the Lake and through Perea, partly accounts for the concourse of such multitudes." (Edersheim.)

Christ was not unmindful of the needs of the body. He had been attending to their spiritual needs. Now he gave attention to their bodily needs. A difficulty presented itself to the disciples. What was to to be done with this multitude, already hungry, and with no sufficient supply of food at hand or near. They saw but one solution. Lord, send them away. But the Lord can provide ways out of difficulty that we know not of. "Send them away," said the disciples. "Give ye them to eat," said Christ. Christ is still saying of the needy multitudes in the world, "Give ye them to eat." And disciples are too often saying by act if not by word, "Send them away, we have scarcely enough for ourselves."

He directed them to arrange this multitude into orderly companies upon the green grass. This would prevent confusion, and call the attention of all to what he was about to do. These must have been moments of intense interest both on the part of the disciples and the multitude. What will he do next? The five loaves and the two fishes, small supply, were set before him. The noise of the crowd was hushed. He looked up to heaven and blessed the little supply, and, lo! it became sufficient for five thousand men. It was Jesus' custom to ask a blessing before a meal. When he walked with the two disciples to Emmaus the day of his resurrection, he was not recognized by them till sitting down with them at their evening meal "he took bread and blessed it, and gave it unto them."

"And they did all eat and were filled." That is always the result when Christ provides and presides at the feast. After the meal the fragments were gathered up, twelve baskets full. Here was not only bountiful provision, but wise economy. "God loveth a bountiful, not a wasteful hand."

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Literary Notes.

The January *Homiletic Review*. The twenty-ninth volume of this well known publication opens with a vivid description of "Rome Fifty Years Ago," by the late Prof. Philip Schaff, D.D., L.L.D. Prof. Henry Preserved Smith, D.D., answers the question, "What has the Higher Criticism Proved?" The Sermonic Section is especially rich in material furnished by some of the best known preachers at home and abroad. Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. $3.00 a year.

The Dryburgh edition of the Waverly novels being now completed, Macmillan & Co. are making arrangements to publish in two volumes, uniform with the romances, a new edition of the Poetical Works of Sir Walter Scott, selected and edited by Mr. Andrew Lang. The first volume will be ready about December 1st, and the second a month later.

Dr. Ernst Hæckel, well known for his numerous works on biology and palæontology, has written a little book that should be of peculiar interest in these days of doubt and unrest. It takes up the subject of Monism as a connecting link between religion and science, and bears as a sub-title "The Confession of Faith of a Man of Science." It will be published at once by Macmillan & Co.

An exceedingly interesting series to be published by Swan Sonnenschein & Co. in England and by Macmillan & Co. in America is the *Social England Series*, edited by Kenelm D. Cotes, M. A., Oxon. The volumes already arranged for are: (1) Introduction to the Social History of England, by the editor; (2) Chivalry, by F. W. Cornish, Vice-Provost of Eaton; (3) Troubadours and Courts of Love. by J. F. Rowbotham; (4) The Fine Arts, by Prof. G. Baldwin Brown; (5) The English Manor, by Prof. Vinogradoff; (6) Historical Sketch of the English Law Courts, by P. A. Inderwick, J. C; (7) Evolution of Household Implements, by Henry Balfour; (8) The Pre-Elizabethan Drama; Mysteries and Miracle Plays, by Lucy Toulmin Smith. The first volume to appear will be that of Mr. Rowbotham on Troubadours and Courts of Love.

Popular Science Monthly for January, 1895, contains among many good things, an article on "The Origin of Weeks and Sabbaths," by Col. A. B. Ellis. "Studies of Childhood," by Prof. James Sully. "Babies and Monkeys," by S. S. Buckman, and a sketch of Denison Olmstead with a portrait.

McClure's Magazine for January will contain an article by E. J. Edwards on Dr. Parkhurst's labors in behalf of Municipal Reform. Professor Drummond will have a second paper on D. L. Moody. The articles on Napoleon will be continued, and Rudyard Kipling and Conan Doyle contribute short stories.

The *Forum* for January contains a thoughtful article by Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard entitled, "Are Our Moral Standards Shifting?"

"Is the Existing Income Tax Unconstitutional?" By Hon. David A. Wells. Capt. Heny King contributes a paper on "The Pay and Rank of Journalists."

The Aurora, the monthly publication of the students of Occidental College, has been sent gratis the last three issues to many of the friends of the College. The price for the year—nine issues—is seventy-five cents. The remaining six issues will be mailed to subscribers for fifty cents. The students would be pleased to have a large addition to their subscription list. A number of new students are expected next term, which begins Thursday, January 3rd, instead of January 2nd, as stated in the catalogue.

Our Day, a monthly magazine founded by Joseph Cook, and the *Altruistic Review* have combined. Mr. Cook will be Editor and Mr.

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The Christmas number of *Blue and Gray* opens with "Christmas at Valley Forge in 1877," by Fleetwood Gruver; "Was Santa Claus a Nigger That Yeah?" by Mrs. General Geo. E. Picket; and, "The Coming National Currency," by Wm. Penn, Jr. Other articles of interest are, "Some facts About China and Her People," "Frau Steinman's Christmas Gift" and "The Stonewall Brigade at Bull Run." A pretty piece of music, "The Old Year Dies Tonight, and forty illustrations help to make an attractive number.

The *Altruistic Review* for December contains a sketch of Miss Jessie Ackerman, the famous World's Missionary of the W. C. T. U.; comprehensive review of Ralph Waldo Emerson and his writings by Jas. L. Onderdonk, and extensive winnowing of the best and most striking articles in other reviews and magazines.

The *Cosmopolitan* for December is beautifully illustrated and full of contributions of great merit, including among many good things, stories by Mrs. Burton Harrison, Albion W. Tourger, Wm. Dean Howells and Rudyard Kipling. Of wider range and deeper note are "The Tribes of the Sahara" by Napoleon Ney, "Abraham Lincoln and his Relations to Women" by Julien Gordon, and "Musical Instruments of the World" by Isaac H. Hall. The reviews of late books, and Progress of Science are very full.

Eclectic Magazine for December. This number opens with a timely article on "Christianity and Communism," by W. S. Lilley.

"The Crimea in 1854 and 1894," by Sir Evelyn Wood, gives a review of the famous campaign and sketches of its principal actors, together with reflections after forty years.

From *Blackwood's Magazine* is reprinted "The Streets of Paris Forty Years Ago," and among many fine contributions appear "Poets of Provence," Ravenna and her Ghosts," and "Haunts of Ancient Peace, or Sketches of English Rural Life." $5 per annum. 144 8th St., New York.

Book Notes.

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